AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing online shipment information to a freight forwarder, comprising the steps of:

~~(1) generating a set of shipment information at each stage of shipment preparation~~ after receiving an electronic purchase order in EDI850 form issued by a customer, at a shipment management platform, returning an acknowledgment in EDI855 form to the customer via the Internet to acknowledge the receipt of the electronic purchase order and ~~(2)~~ downloading ~~the shipment~~ EDI855-related information into a shipment information database;

at a freight forwarder, receiving the EDI855-related information via the Internet;

~~(3) linking the shipment information database to a network server linked to a network system to allow the freight forwarder to gain access to the shipment information via the network system and through a browser program and print the shipment information into a set of customs/exportation application documents~~

when delivery is ready, at the shipment management platform, preparing and downloading delivery-related information into the shipment information database;

at the freight forwarder, receiving the delivery-related information via the Internet and printing the delivery-related information into a customs application document for submission;

when shipment notification is ready, at the shipment management platform, preparing and sending shipment notification in EDI856 form to the customer via the Internet and downloading EDI856-related information into the shipment information database; and

at the freight forwarder, receiving the EDI856-related information via the Internet and printing the EDI856-related information into an exportation application document for submission.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in said step (3), the network system is Internet.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein in said step (3), the network server is a Web server.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein in said step (3), the browser program is Microsoft Internet Explorer™.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein in said step (3), the browser program is Netscape Navigator™.

7–9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) An online shipment information server system for providing online shipment information to a freight forwarder, which comprises:

(a) a shipment management platform, which is used to prepare a set of shipment information, including EDI855-related information, delivery-related information, and EDI856-related information;

(b) a shipment information database, which is used to store all the shipment information prepared by the shipment management platform; and

(c) a Web server, which is externally linked to Internet and internally linked to the shipment information database, for serving up the shipment information stored in the shipment information database via Internet to the freight forwarder, allowing the freight forwarder to view the shipment information through a Web browser program and print the shipment information into a set of customs/exportation application documents.

11. (Currently Amended) The online shipment information server system of claim 10, wherein the Web browser program is Microsoft Internet Explorer™.

12. (Currently Amended) The online shipment information server system of claim 10, wherein the Web browser program is Netscape Navigator™.